UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

THE KROGER CO., Case No.: C-1-02-439

Plaintiff. Beckwith, J.

Sherman, M.J.

v.

THE KROGER CO'S MOTION TO

EXTEND THE DISCOVERY DEADLINE

IN ORDER TO PERMIT MALEASE

MALEASE FOODS CORP., FOODS CORP. TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

OF THE KROGER CO.'S PERSONNEL

Defendant.

Pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff The Kroger Co. ("Kroger") moves this Court to change the discovery cut-off date from February 27, 2004 to March 5, 2004. Kroger makes this request to permit Defendant Malease Foods Corp. ("Malease") to take depositions of Kroger personnel on a date convenient for all parties.

The individuals from Kroger who will be deposed have busy schedules, so finding a convenient time for them in February has been difficult. Dates that the Kroger personnel have available in February were not convenient for Malease's counsel; dates that Malease's counsel have available were either not convenient for the Kroger personnel or Kroger's counsel.

A one week's extension of the discovery cut-off would greatly ease the burden on everyone's schedule and not harm the trial schedule in any foreseeable way.

For this reason, Kroger respectfully moves the Court for a one-week extenstion of the discovery cut-off date from February 27, 2004 to March 5, 2004. This extension has the full approval of counsel for Malease.

Respectfully submitted,

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